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Filed: March 18, 1998

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment 16 minus highest number previously paid for 57 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00		\$	0.00
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In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 44-48 and 50-60 are pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103:

Claims 45-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)¹ as allegedly being anticipated by Babayev et al (U.S. '121, hereinafter "Babayev"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

¹ As discussed in the Amendment/Response filed February 4, 2002, Applicant submits that the Examiner's indication that Babayev et al qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(**b**) is believed to be erroneous.